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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Patent Application of)
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Kouji INOUE et al.) Group Art Unit: 2879
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Serial No. 09/939,772) Examiner: K.J. Quarterman
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Filed: August 28, 2001) Conf. No. 3168
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Title: ELECTRON-EMITTING DEVICE, COLD)
CATHODE FIELD EMISSION DEVICE)
AND METHOD FOR PRODUCTION)
THEREOF, AND COLD CATHODE FIELD)
EMISSION DISPLAY AND METHOD FOR)
PRODUCTION THEREOF)

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF INVENTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in full and timely response to the election of invention requirement in the Action of November 3, 2003, for which a month was allotted for reply. The Applicant, through its representatives and attorneys, hereby provisionally elects with traverse the invention of Group I, having claims 1-12 and 40-48, drawn to electron-emitting devices classified in class 313, subclass 309. Please hold claims 13-39 and 49-50, drawn to methods for producing cold cathode field emission devices, classified in class 445, subclass 24 in abeyance pending reconsideration of the election requirement and this request for rejoinder.

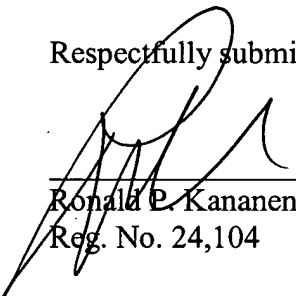
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A reason for the traverse is under MPEP 821.04. Where product and process claims drawn to independent and distinct inventions are presented in the same application, applicant may be called upon to elect claims to either the product or the apparatus. If the applicant elects claims directed to the product, and a product claim is subsequently found allowable, withdrawn process claims which depend from or otherwise include all the limitation of the allowable product claim will be rejoined. By this response, the applicant has thus preserved its right to rejoiner under the conditions there stated.

Reexamination of the requirement is specifically requested, and early examination on the merits of the application is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,



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